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1. PHILIPPINES

NYT (MANILA 3/12) REPORTS AQUINO HELD PRISON NEWS CONF
(3/11) TO EXPLAIN HIS CANDIDACY FOR INTERIM PARLIAMENT.
MTG ABOUT 50 LOCAL/FON REPORTERS IN BRIEFING SHED NEXT TO
HIS ROOM IN FT BONIFACIO MAXIMUM SECURITY COMPOUND, AQUINO
SAID: HE WANTED HELP BRING ABOUT NORMAL POL SITUATION; THAT
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ELECTION FOR INTERIM LEGISLATURE NOT BEST WAY DO THIS, BUT
IS BEGINNING AND OPPORTUNITY SHOULD NOT BE LOST.

AP'S CORRO (WP 3/11) NOTES AQUINO, IN TV SPEECH FROM
JAIL 3/10, SAID HE IS NOT CIA AGENT, THAT ENRILE IS LIAR/
MUST APOLOGIZE OR HE WILL SUE DEF SEC. SAID PHILS/US HAVE
AGREEMENT TO EXCHANGE INFO, AND HE WORKED "WITH" CIA, BUT
NOT "FOR" AGENCY--AND THAT THERE IS SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE;
SAID HE WROTE LTRS TO LEADERS OF "COMMUNIST NEW PEOPLE'S
ARMY" BECAUSE "FELT IT WAS MY DUTY" AS SEN TO KNOW WHY

THEY WERE FIGHTING GOP; SAID AS OPPOSITION'S SEC-GEN, HE WOULD BE 1ST TO CONGRATULATE MARCOS IF DISSIDENT MOVEMENT HAS BEEN DISMANTLED; DECLARED PHILS' CENTRAL BANK HAS PAID US PR FIRM ABOUT 1.7 MIL DOLS TO APPROVE GOP'S IMAGE;

MAINTAINED NUMBER OF FIRM'S OFFICIALS ARE FORMER CIA AGENTS.

CORRO REPORTS AQUINO'S SPEECH WAS VIDEOTAPED IN HIS CELL EARLY IN DAY, TELEVISED IN LATE EVENING UNEDITED. REPORTS MARCOS SPOKESMAN SAID HE THOUGHT AQUINO'S STATEMENTS CONSTRUCTIVE.

MOSLEM REBEL KIDNAPPERS FREED FRENCH TOURIST HUGUET 3/11 AFTER GOP AUTHORITIES AGREED PAY THEM FOR "EXPENSES" INCURRED IN HOLDING HIM HOSTAGE 2 WKS, ACCORDING MIL AUTHORITIES (AP, WPOST ZAMBOANGA CITY 3/12).

2. CHINA

NCNA REPORTS INFLUENTIAL GROUP COMMUNIST SOCIAL SCIENTISTS HAS DECLARED STUDY OF FEUDALISM/CAPITALISM SHOULD NO LONGER BE FORBIDDEN. CALL MADE AT RECENT FORUM FOR 100 UNCLASSIFIED

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EXPERTS IN LITERATURE/HISTORY/PHILOSOPHY/LAW SPONSORED BY CCP CONTINGENT IN CHINESE ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENTISTS. STATEMENT REPORTED TO REFLECT CHINA'S CHANGING POLICY OF GREATER OPENNESS TO FON THOUGHT/TECHNOLOGY (AP TOKYO SUN 3/12).

ISAACS (SUN HK 3/11) REPORTS THAT BY SETTING SPECIFIC POPULATION GOAL FOR 1ST TIME, PRC HAS OFFICIALLY PROCLAIMED IT HOPES BRING ANNUAL GROWTH RATE BELOW 1 PCT BY '81. IF GOAL ACHIEVED, WILL MAKE PRC 1ST DEVELOPING COUNTRY TO REACH SUCH LOW GROWTH RATE. NOTES OBJECTIVE SET IN HUA'S REPORT TO NPC.

ACCORDING "PD," NATL SCIENCE CONF WILL OPEN IN PEKING 3/18, AFTER SOME SIX MONTHS PREPARATION THRUOUT PRC (WP PEKING).

EXHIBITION OF 19TH CENTURY PAINTING, LARGEST FON ART EXHIBITION IN PRC SINCE CR, REPORTED TO OPEN IN PEKING 3/10 (AFP PEKING NYT).

WSJ (WAIN) BRIEF NOTES WHILE PRC GENERALLY ACKNOWLEDGED BE ONE OF ASIA'S MAJOR OIL PRODUCERS, LITTLE KNOWN FOR SURE ABOUT ITS PETROLEUM RESOURCES OR PLANS TO DEVELOP THEM. NOTES EXPERTS AT RECENT SINGAPORE CONF ESTIMATED PRC RESERVES FROM 20 TO 150 BIL BARRELS. ACCORDING PAUL SPELTZ, US TRADE CONSULTANT, CHINESE HAVE 90 BIL BARRELS

OF OIL; 50 PCT ON LAND, REST OFF SHORE.

3. ANP

ACCORDING JOC'S STOVE (SYDNEY), DESPITE FACT BEEF PRODUCTION DOWN 10 PCT, AUSTRALIA WILL FILL '78 US BEEF QUOTA BY END OF AUGUST IF SHIPPING CONTINUES AT PRESENT RATE. SAYS MAIN REASON FOR BEEF EXPORTS RUSH TO US IS ABSENCE OF LARGE EXPORT ORDERS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES.
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WP (3/12) CARRIES ARTICLE BY PEACE CORPS' STORTI ON TONGA--ISLANDS OF SONG/DANCE, "WHERE APRIL LASTS INDEFINITELY."

4. CAMBODIA

YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY QUOTES CAMBODIA'S MIN FOR CULTURE/ EDUC/INFO THAT RELIGION INCOMPATIBLE W/CAMBODIAN COMMUNIST REVOLUTION, IS DYING THERE. SPEAKING TO GROUP YUGOSLAV JOURNALISTS, MIN SAID BUDDHISM IN PAST WAS "INSTRUMENT OF EXPLOITATION AND OPPRESSION" OF RULING CLASSES; "THEY THEMSELVES DID NOT BELIEVE IN IT" (AP BELGRADE, WSTAR 3/12).

5. CAMBODIA/VIETNAM

FOLLOWING BANGKOK TALKS W/SOVIET DEP FONMIN, THAI FONMIN UPADIT SAID USSR HAS PLEDGED NOT INTERFERE IN CAMBODIA/ VN BORDER DISPUTE, AGREEING IT SHOULD BE SETTLED BY PARTIES THEMSELVES (REUTER BANGKOK).

6. INDONESIA

TROOPS FIRED WARNING SHOTS 3/11 TO DISPERSE ANTI-GOVT DEMONSTRATORS, AS SUHARTO ADDRESSED OPENING INDO'S PEOPLE'S CONSULTATIVE ASSEMBLY IN ADVANCE HIS UNCONTESTED RE-ELECTION (REUTER JAKARTA, NYT 3/12).

7. JAPAN

SEVEN JAPANESE MINISTERS REPORTED 3/11 TO APPROVE PKG OF EMERGENCY IMPORTS OF COMMERICAL AIRCRAFT/OIL/OTHER RAW
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MATERIALS TO TRIM NATION'S HUGE TRADE SURPLUS/SLOW YEN'S RISE. SOME ANALYSTS, HOWEVER, PLAYED DOWN SIGNIFICANCE OF MOVE AS COLLECTION OF OLD MEASURES THAT WOULD NOT DRASTICALLY CUT JAPAN'S SURPLUS. MINISTERS AGREED IMPORT 1.32 BIL GALLONS OIL FOR STOCKPILING/IMPORT 100 MIL DOLS

OF NICKEL/CHROME/IRON ORE/ENRICHED URANIUM/AS WELL AS
PAVE WAY FOR IMPORTATION AIRCRAFT/MEDICAL/ATOMIC POWER
PLANT EQUIPMENT (TOKYO WSJ; CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

ACCORDING MITI REPORT, JAPAN'S IMPORTS ON LICENSED CONTRACT
BASIS IN FEB ROSE AT MODERATE ANNUAL PACE--INDICATION THAT
PURCHASE OF FON GOODS WAS NOT ENOUGH VISIBLY TO REDUCE
TRADE SURPLUS. REPORT SHOWED IMPORT LICENSING TOTALED
5.539 BIL DOLS IN FEB, UP 6.4 PCT OVER SAME PERIOD YR
AGO (UPI TOKYO, JOC).

CHAPMAN (QP TOKYO 3/12) REPORTS THAT AS PART EFFORT
RESTORE ECON PEACE W/US, GOJ URGING AUTO MANUFACTURERS
LIMIT EXPORTS TO US. SO FAR, HOWEVER, NO EXPLICIT ORDER
SET FIXING NUMBER CARS/TRUCKS TO BE SOLD IN US.

HONDA ANNOUNCES RECENTLY ESTABLISHMENT OF WHOLLY-OWNED
SUBSIDIARY TO PRODUCE MOTORCYCLES IN US. NEW COMPANY,
"HONDA OF AMERICA, MFG," TO BE LOCATED IN UNION COUNTY,
OHIO. WILL START OPERATION IN SPRING '79, W/SOME 500
LOCAL EMPLOYEES (UPI TOKYO, JOC).

TELFER (JOC) DOES BRIEF FEATURE ON JAPANESE TRADE MISSION
NOW IN US. REPS OF EIGHT LARGE JAPANESE TRADING COMPANIES
REPORTED TO VISIT NEWARK, NJ, WHILE REMAINING 83-MEMBER
MISSION SCATTERED THRUOUT US.

8. KOREA

NYT'S HALLORAN (3/12) REPORTS THAT INVESTIGATION INTO
ALLEGED KOREAN INFLUENCE-BUYING WILL BREAK INTO PUBLIC
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EYE THIS WK AFTER MONTHS BEHIND-THE-SCENES INQUIRIES.
INTL ORGS SUBCMTE TO BEGIN HEARINGS WEDS IN EFFORT PROVE
ROKG CONSPIRED MANIPULATE US FONPOL/THAT NIXON ADMIN KNEW
ABOUT IT, BUT DID LITTLE PREVENT IT. SAME DAY, HANCHO
KIM, NATURALIZED AMCIT ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN COVERT KOREAN
AGENT, SCHEDULED GO ON TRIAL. FRASER SUBCMTE REPORTS
IT WILL DELVE INTO FOLLOWING AREAS: FAILING CONFIDENCE
OF ROKG IN RELIABILITY US SEUCIRTY COMMITMENT; DECISIONS
TAKEN BY KOREAN OFFICIALS TO ORGANIZE COVERT LOBBY IN
WASHINGTON; INTELLIGENCE REPORTING THRU WHICH NIXON ADMIN
LEARNED OF KOREAN PLAN (WHICH INVOLVED TONGSUN PARK),
BUT DID NOTHING ABOUT IT.

ACCORDING WP'S REID (3/12), HAK/JOHN MITCHELL WERE ON
DISTRIBUTION LIST SUCH INTELLIGENCE DOCS. SAYS SUBCMTE
IN INTENSIVE NEGOTS W/HAK TO CONVINCHE HIM TESTIFY, BUT
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